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SUBJECT: BNSF, BOARD MTG. FEB. 3-4, 75, US TRAVEL

FOR SCIATT

1. IN THE PAST, THE DEPT. (OES/SCI) HAS SUPPORTED THE TRAVEL AND EXPENSES OF DR. JOHN SCHAEFER, MR. ALBERT SPIEGEL AND MR. HERMAN POLLACK, MEMBERS OF BNSF BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS. OES/SCI HAS ALSO SUPPORTED ONE DEPT. STAFF REP. NSF AND HEW HAVE SUPPORTED DR. STEVER AND DR. SENCER RESPECTIVELY. ALTHOUGH BNSF OPERATIONAL FUNDS ARE AUTHORIZED AND HAVE BEEN OFFERED FOR THIS PURPOSE, IT WAS CONSIDERED SYMBOLICALLY BETTER FOR THE USG TO PICK UP ITS OWN TRAVEL LEAVING THESE FUNDS FOR RESEARCH AND OPERATIONS.

2. BECAUSE OF CURRENT TIGHT BUDGETS AND ATTENDANT RESTRICTIONS, IT IS NECESSARY TO CURTAIL TRAVEL AND EFFECT ALL POSSIBLE SAVINGS. IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR OES TO FUND

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TRAVEL AT PAST LEVELS. IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION, REQUEST

EMBASSY RAISE WITH BNSF EXDIR ROTEM AND, IF NECESSARY,
BOARD CHAIRMAN BERGMANN, THE POSSIBILITY OF BNSF FUNDING
THE TRAVEL AND EXPENSES OF THE FIVE US MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR THE FEB. 3-4 MTG. IF THIS NOT
POSSIBLE, BNSF FUNDING OF AT LEAST SCHAEFER AND SPIEGEL
SHOULD BE PURSUED. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP. FYI: BNSF FUNDING
OF ALL US MEMBERS MORE DESIRABLE AS IT PUTS ALL ON EQUAL
FOOTING, AS WELL AS FOR FINANCIAL REASONS. END FYI.

3. REQUEST EMB ALSO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR SEVEN
ROOMS FOR FEB. 1-5 AT AMERICAN COLONY (COURTYARD OR OLD
LARGE ROOMS) OR ELSEWHERE COMPARABLE IF EMB SHOULD DEEM
IT DESIRABLE. INGERSOLL

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